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THE 1946 OUTLOOK CONFERENCE. . . . 1947 production goals and support prices will be a main point of emphasis at this year's Outlook Conference in Washington October 7 to 12. The program for the Conference is in final stages of preparation.

Formerly BAE and Federal and State Extension Services were the principal agencies working together in Outlook Conferences. This year PMA, other USDA agencies represented on the 14 commodity committees, and State people directly concerned with the production program will take an important part in the Conference. Chairmen of State Production Adjustment Committees, State Extension and Experiment Station specialists, and State PMA directors have been asked to attend the Conference and assist the commodity committees in developing the 1947 production program.

The work of each of the commodity committees will be considered separately in one and one-half hour sessions beginning October 9. A BAE member of each commodity committee will give the general outlook for the commodity. Then a PMA representative, usually the chairman of the committee, will present the Department's goals and support price proposals. The remainder of the time will be devoted to discussion of the suggested goals and prices. A main objective of these discussions will be to draw on the knowledge and experience of the State people and to give them the national and international background on which the Department's proposals are based.

After the Conference the commodity committees will complete their reports, incorporating any desirable suggestions and revisions before submitting them to the coordinating committee.

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PREVENT FIRES, SAVE FOOD AND HOUSING. . . . October 6-12 is set aside as National Fire Prevention Week this year in a Presidential proclamation issued Sept. 3. President Truman stresses the fact that a vast amount of destructive fires is taking place at a time when the entire world is faced with distressing shortages of food and housing and nearly every commodity is essential to speedy reconversion to a peacetime economy. Much of this destruction is preventable by the exercise of greater caution on the part of all our citizens, the President asserts in the proclamation. He called for the cooperation of all groups and "appropriate" government agencies in preventing destructive fires.

National Fire Prevention Week receives full support of USDA each year because of the Department's interest in preventing rural fires. A Secretarial memorandum calling for cooperation in the program and observance of the Week is expected soon. A fact sheet giving background facts and suggesting ways to assist in the program is being prepared by the Office of Information where copies will be available within the next week or so.

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JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CONFERENCE. . . . The Department will be well represented at a National Conference on Juvenile Delinquency in Washington October 21, 22, and 23. BAE, FSA, Extension Service, and BHN&HE people are preparing 10 reports on Rural Aspects of the Prevention and Control of Juvenile Delinquency as a basis for deliberations at the Conference. Plans for the Conference were made by an interdepartmental committee formed this spring, at the suggestion of the Department of Justice, for studying this problem. E. W. Aiton of Extension Service is USDA's representative on this committee. The Department is assisting in the work of 20 panels formed by the committee, one of which is Rural Aspects of the Prevention and Control of Juvenile Delinquency.

The 10 reports being prepared on rural aspects of the problem were recommended by a Department committee composed of: Carl C. Taylor, BAE, Chairman; E. W. Aiton, Extension Service, Secretary; Mrs. Lydia Lynde, Ext.; Robert W. Hudgens, FSA; Margaret Reid, BHN&HE; H. W. Hochbaum, Ext.; and Irvin H. Schmitt, Ext. The reports will contain facts on the situation and the need, an outline of jobs to be done, and suggestions for community action. They will be directed specifically to government and civic organizations, service clubs, commercial groups, social agencies, and farm organizations. Although statistics on delinquency are not complete, there is growing evidence that problems may be at least as great and widespread in rural areas as in large cities.

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"NEPH" WEEK OCTOBER 6 to 12. . . . The week of October 6 has been chosen as National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, the object of which is to stimulate employment of such workers in industry, agriculture, commerce, and government. This "Week", initiated by U. S. Retraining and Reemployment Administration, was officially established by Congress and a Presidential Proclamation. Leadership in observance of the Week is assigned to USES, VA, Disabled American Veterans' organization, and the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. However, the Departments of Agriculture, Labor, and Commerce are among the agencies specifically asked to cooperate in the campaign. An explanatory memorandum on NEPH Week will be distributed in USDA soon.

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NAVY PRAISES FARMERS. . . . In a letter for special release to farm journals and magazines, Secretary of Navy, James Forrestal, thanks farmers and pays tribute to their sacrifice and devotion to duty in World War II. The letter dated for Navy Day, October 27, has been sent to farm paper editors with a forwarding letter offering suitable photos to use with the release. Any farm paper which does not receive the copy soon may write The Magazine & Book Section, Navy Public Information Bureau, Washington, D. C.

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SCHOOL LUNCHES. . . . All States and U. S. territories except Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Nebraska, N. Hampshire, the District of Columbia, and Alaska, have arranged to take advantage of Federal funds under the National School Lunch Act.

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FROM THE FAO CONFERENCE. . . . Henrik Kauffman, Danish minister to the United States, is chairman of the FAO Conference in Copenhagen, which began Sept. 2. Proposals for the World Food Board and an appraisal of the world food situation are the most important matters to come before the Conference, Mr. Kauffman told the group at the first session. Under Secretary of Agriculture N. E. Dodd is a member of the General Committee of the Conference.

Mr. Dodd, U. S. member to the Conference, on Sept. 4, expressed this country's approval of the general FAO objectives as previously outlined by Director General Sir John Orr that day. Mr. Dodd recommended the establishment of "an FAO commission to work out in detail an international program for the stabilization of agricultural prices at levels which will be fair to producers and consumers and which will bring about the improvement of nutrition throughout the world." The text of Mr. Dodd's entire address was distributed by OFAR. This agency distributes in USDA copies of the daily summaries of FAO Conference developments.

Italy, Switzerland, Ireland, and Portugal were accepted as members of FAO on September 4. This brings the total membership to 46. Hungary's application for membership was received Sept. 3--after formal opening of the Conference.

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SHORT SUPPLY LISTS. . . . The list of agricultural commodities in short supply announced by USDA August 31 is contained in USDA Release 1927. Items on the list not then under price control may be recontrolled by recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture, with the written consent of the Price Decontrol Board. An "agricultural commodity," as defined in the release includes manufactured food or feed products which contain one third or more of the basic agricultural commodities. For exceptions to these general statements and further details, see USDA Release 1927.

OPA released on August 31 a "detailed list of the food, feed, and other agricultural and related commodities" which remained under price control on Sept. 1--OPA Release 6773. This 7-page release also defines the term "agricultural commodity" and gives other points connected with Sept. 1 short supply list.

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RADIO PROGRAMS, SEPT. 14. . . . CONSUMER TIME--"Furniture Facts," dramatized story of the furniture troubles of a young married couple. . . reasons for the furniture shortage and tips on care and repair.

AMERICAN FARMER. "Changes in War and Peace," 14-minute pickup from Madison, Wisc., where the following will take part in the discussion: Sherman Johnson of BAE; Joseph Ackerman, Associate Director of the Farm Foundation, and Wm. G. Murray, head of the Dept. of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, Iowa State College of Agriculture. The "Business Side of Farming" will be given as usual.

NATIONAL FARM AND HOME HOUR, "Department of Agriculture Headlines," summary of news developments for farmers.

REA CO-OPS FIGHT INFLATION TOO. . . . The recent Presidential order curtailing Federal expenditures for public works as an anti-inflation measure will not affect the line construction program of rural electric co-operatives financed by REA loans. However, Administrator Claude R. Wickard has asked that all co-operatives reduce their purchases of maintenance materials to a minimum, defer general plant improvements, and delay purchase of tools, equipment and motor vehicles as long as possible.

"I am sure," Mr. Wickard wrote all REA co-ops recently, "that as Americans and farmers you fully appreciate the danger of inflation and the necessity of doing everything possible to prevent it. As farmers, you have perhaps a greater stake in avoiding inflation and its terrible after effects than any other single economic group."

REA says that although many co-ops will have to delay replacing some worn equipment in order to comply with this recommendation, they will continue connecting new consumers as rapidly as still-scarce line construction materials can be obtained. Despite the materials situation co-operatives and other REA borrowers added more than 260,000 consumers to their lines during the fiscal year 1946--the second largest one-year increase in number of consumers served in REA history. Only 50,000 miles of REA-financed lines were added last year, however, since most of the new consumers were added through short extensions to existing lines.

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NEW BAI STATIONS. . . . In the recent transfer of a part of the Government's domestic fur-bearing animal work from Department of the Interior to USDA, six official branch stations became part of BAI. The stations and the official in charge are as follows:

Pautuxent Research Refuge, Bowie, Md.--Dr. D. R. Coburn
Rabbit Experiment Station, Fontana, Calif.--G. S. Templeton
Alaska Fur Experiment Station, Petersburg, Alaska--J. R. Leekley
State College of Washington at Pullman--G. V. McGinnis
Fur Animal Experiment Station, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.--C. F. Bassett
Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa.--Dr. R. K. Enders.

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RECENT USDA PUBLICATIONS. . . . Use of the Rapid Whole-Blood Test for Pullorum Disease, Misc. Pub. No. 349, rev. July 1946, 19 p.; Distinguishing Characteristics of Some Forage-Grass Diseases Prevalent in the North Central States, Circ. No. 747, 16 p.; Carrot Production in the West and Southwest, Circ. No. 750, 32 p.; Rapid Photometric Methods for Determining Rubber and Resins in Guayule Tissue and Rubber in Crude-Rubber Products, Tech. Bul. No. 920, 37 p.

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PLENTIFUL FOODS FOR OCTOBER. . . . In the October horn of plenty will be potatoes, onions, lemons, canned citrus juice, fall apples, pears, celery, turkeys, and possibly chickens--depending on the status of other meat supplies during the month.

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SOME USDA RELEASES. . . . "What Cooperative Electrification Means to America,"
address by REA Administrator Wickard before the American
Institute of Cooperation at Purdue University, August 30--1907;
Goals for 1947 crop winter cover seed; price support offered--1896;
Fourth quarter (Oct-Dec., 1946) sugar allocation--1902;
Allocation of canned fish recommended by IEFC--1914;
World food situation improves slightly according to OFAR report--1912;
The farm income situation--farm marketing receipts may be 10% higher
in 1946 than in 1945--1924;
SEPTEMBER 1 SHORT SUPPLY COMMODITIES ANNOUNCED--1927;
Good protein in grain germs (from USDA Food and Home Notes)--1906;
(New Mexico potato support continued through Sept. 15--1933;
(Western Texas September potato support prices announced--1933;
Prices of dry beans to be increased--1934;
USDA recommends turpentine price increases--1937;
Seven fat years followed lean (from USDA Clipsheet)--1837;
"The Need for More Power in Rural Areas," address of REA Administrator
Wickard before Illinois Assoc. of Electric Cooperatives at Spring-
field, Ill, Sept. 5--1874;
The Wheat Situation--summary of BAE's report--1938;
Some restrictions on bakeries discontinued by amend. 16 to WFO-1---1943;
USDA exhibits at Albuquerque fair stress livestock and forage--1939;
Oklahoma Free State Fair gets new government exhibits--1942;
Seasonal Japanese beetle restrictions lifted--1945.

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OTHER RELEASES OF AGRICULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE. . . . A series of actions covering
sales of livestock, dressed
carcasses and meat cuts at all levels of distribution announced by OPA--OPA-T-4973;
Two-week "top priority" drive to sell current stocks of surplus goods, includ-
ing agricultural equipment, set aside for veterans, begins Sept. 15--WAA 554;
Cottonseed meal, soybean meal, hominy feed, linseed meal, gluten feed, mill
feeds and oat mill by-products recontrolled 9/3/46--OPA 6765; Slaughter quotas
for both Federally-inspected and non-Federally-inspected slaughtering plants re-
established to assure equitable distribution of meat to the plants--OPA-6771;
Doctor Thomas Parran, Surgeon Gen. of U. S. Public Health Service is U. S. dele-
gate to the Interim Commission of the World Health Organization at Geneva,
Switzerland, in November--FSA-179; Sales of seed beans placed under price con-
trol as of 8/30/46--OPA 6767; Gum and wood rosin suspended from price control
as of 8/30/46--OPA-T-4970; New ceilings on live cattle and hogs and on dressed
beef, pork, lamb and mutton eff. 9/1/46 announced by OPA, reflecting Aug. 28
livestock ceilings recommended by Secretary Anderson--OPA-6772; Price ceilings
on flaxseed suspended until 9/9/46--OPA-T-4982. Increased Federal funds for
promoting child-welfare services, especially in rural areas and areas of special
need, total \$3,500,000 in 1946-47 fiscal year as compared with \$1,510,000 in
previous years--FSA-180.

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